

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please add the following paragraph on page 1, between lines 2 and 3:

**CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

This U.S. national stage application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §119(a) to Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-396519, filed in Japan on November 27, 2003 the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 7 with the following rewritten version:

A conventional air conditioner provided in the ceiling of an air conditioned room principally comprises: a casing having a casing lower part formed by an alternating sequence of four side parts and four corner parts; outlets disposed so that each runs along a side part and an inlet disposed so that it is surrounded by all the side parts; a fan and a heat exchanger disposed inside the casing; and horizontal flaps each oscillatably provided around the axis of each outlet in the longitudinal direction and capable of varying the wind direction of the air current blown out from each outlet. A motor, link mechanisms, and the like, for oscillating these horizontal flaps, are disposed at the corner parts of a face panel that constitutes the casing lower part in, for example, a ceiling embedded type air conditioner (e.g., refer to Patent Document 1Japanese Publication No. H7-92268). With such an air conditioner, driving the fan sucks the air inside the air conditioned room through the inlets into the casing, and the air sucked into the casing is heated or cooled by the heat exchanger and then blown out in four directions through the outlets.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 26 with the following rewritten version:

Therefore, an air conditioner has been proposed that provides an arcuate outlet that surrounds the inlet, and blows out air radially through this outlet (e.g., refer to Patent

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~~Document 2~~Japanese Publication No. 2001-201165). With this air conditioner, forming the outlet arcuately enables the enlargement of the opening area of the outlet, consequently enabling the flow volume of the air blown out from the outlet to be increased while suppressing an increase in the flow speed of the air blown out from the outlet.

Please delete the heading beginning at page 2, line 14 as follows:

**PATENT DOCUMENT 1**

Please delete the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 15 as follows:

~~Japanese Examined Patent Application No. H7-69571~~

Please delete the heading beginning at page 2, line 16 as follows:

**PATENT DOCUMENT 2**

Please delete the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 17 as follows:

~~Japanese Published Patent Application No. 2001-201165~~

Please replace the heading at page 2, line 18, with the following rewritten version:

**SUMMARY DISCLOSURE OF THE INVENTION**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 23 with the following rewritten version:

The air conditioner according to ~~the a first aspect of the present~~ invention is an air conditioner provided in the ceiling of an air conditioned room, comprising a casing and horizontal flaps. The casing comprises: a casing lower part formed by an alternating sequence of four side parts and four corner parts; main outlets disposed so that they run along each of

the side parts; an inlet disposed so that it is surrounded by all the side parts; and auxiliary outlets disposed at at least one of the four corner parts. The horizontal flaps are oscillatably provided about the axes of the main outlets in the longitudinal direction, and capable of varying the wind direction of an air current blown out from each of the main outlets. The circumferential edge part of each of the auxiliary outlets is formed so that air is blown out from each of the auxiliary outlets in a fixed direction.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 15 with the following rewritten version:

The air conditioner according to ~~the a second aspect of the present~~ invention is an air conditioner as recited in the ~~first aspect of the present~~ invention, wherein the opening area of each of the auxiliary outlets is less than that of each of the main outlets.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 22 with the following rewritten version:

The air conditioner according to ~~the a third aspect of the present~~ invention is an air conditioner as recited in the ~~first invention or the second aspect of the present~~ invention, wherein the vertical blow-out direction of the air blown out from each of the auxiliary outlets is the direction of substantially the middle of the range by which each of the horizontal flaps vertically regulate the wind direction of the air current blown out from each of the main outlets.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 1 with the following rewritten version:

The air conditioner according to ~~the a fourth aspect of the present~~ invention is an air conditioner as recited in any one ~~invention~~ of the first ~~invention~~ through ~~the third aspects of the present~~ invention, wherein link mechanisms for mutually and synchronously oscillating

two adjoining horizontal flaps are provided at the corner parts among the four corner parts provided with the auxiliary outlets. Each of the link mechanisms is disposed on the inlet side of each of the auxiliary outlets.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 9 with the following rewritten version:

The air conditioner according to the a fifth aspect of the present invention is an air conditioner as recited in the fourth aspect of the present invention, wherein each of the two horizontal flaps has linking pins provided at a position on the inner side in the longitudinal direction of the end part in the longitudinal direction of the horizontal flaps, axially supported by the casing lower part, and linked to the link mechanisms.

Please delete the chart beginning at page 5, line 3 as follows:

**EXPLANATION OF SYMBOLS**

- 1 Air conditioner
- 2 Casing
- 3 Face panel (casing lower part)
- 7 Drain pan (casing lower part)
- 30a – 30d Panel side parts (side parts)
- 30e – 30h Panel corner parts (corner parts)
- 32a – 32d Main outlets
- 31 Inlet
- 32e – 32h Auxiliary outlets
- 35a – 35d Horizontal flaps (horizontal flaps)
- 36 Linking pin
- 37 Linking shaft (link mechanism)
- X, Y Air currents

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Please replace the heading at page 5, line 17, with the following rewritten version:

**DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS**

Please replace the heading at page 17, line 1, with the following rewritten version:

**WHAT IS CLAIMED IS: Claims**